

## **REQUEST**

Hi there,

I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, that you supply me with:

How many times has Sophie Linden met with the Metropolitan Police to discuss the performance of the crime action plan?

How many times has Sophie Linden met with the Metropolitan Police Crime Fighters? Which ones, and which dates did they meet?

## **Public Interest**

I believe there is a strong public interest in releasing this information since it will promote greater transparency in government and greater accountability in the conduct of those who hold public office.

The information requested is not reasonably accessible by other means to the best of my knowledge.

## **Commercial interests**

I do not believe that any of the information I have requested is exempt from disclosure as a result of the exemption provided by section 43 of the Act. However, should you judge that parts of the material requested would come under this exemption, I request that you *redact the relevant sections* and release the documents in their entirety.

For example, should you believe that the identification of suppliers that may result from disclosing the invoices received would prejudice that company's commercial interests, then I request that you redact the details of the supplier from the documents you release.

## **Confidentiality issues**

Exemptions on the 'information being provided in confidence' do not apply. The Information Commissioner advises, "information which is protected from disclosure by an obligation of confidence must have the necessary 'quality of confidence'" (*Freedom of Information Act Awareness Guidance No 2*).

Where it is considered that under the FOI Act certain parts of documents requested breach confidentiality issues, I would request that these sections be redacted and the documents be released in their entirety.

Redacting personal information is a common practice - It is not acceptable to refuse to release a document simply because it contains elements of personal information that could be redacted.

## **Data protection issues.**

I am not requesting personal information. Where necessary personal details may be redacted from any documents that you release.

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### **Processing of these requests**

I would like to receive this information by email, sent to:  
[ellielucymarshall1991@gmail.com](mailto:ellielucymarshall1991@gmail.com)

Further to section 16 of the FOI Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), if you have any queries relating to these requests or need clarification on any issue, I would be grateful if you could contact me [ellielucymarshall1991@gmail.com](mailto:ellielucymarshall1991@gmail.com)

I would like to request that any refusal to any part of the above requests (including on cost grounds) be accompanied by a recommendation of how the request may be modified so as to be granted.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and provide me with FOI reference number(s) as soon as possible.

With thanks,

### **RESPONSE**

Thank you for your two Freedom of Information requests of 25 March to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold information relating to your request. However, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, since it is information which is already published.

Every month, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime reports to the Police and Crime Committee on the main activities she has been involved in. These reports are published on the Greater London Authority website, here (Agenda Item 6, Appendix 1):

<https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListMeetings.aspx?Act=later&CId=240&D=201903061000&MD=ielistmeetings>

We do not routinely hold lists of all the attendees at meetings the Deputy Mayor attends. As such, she will regularly attend meetings with Leaders and Borough Commanders which are not recorded on our systems.

In addition, if you could please clarify what you mean by "crime action plans" and "Police Crime Fighters", then I may be able to help you further.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>

Your sincerely